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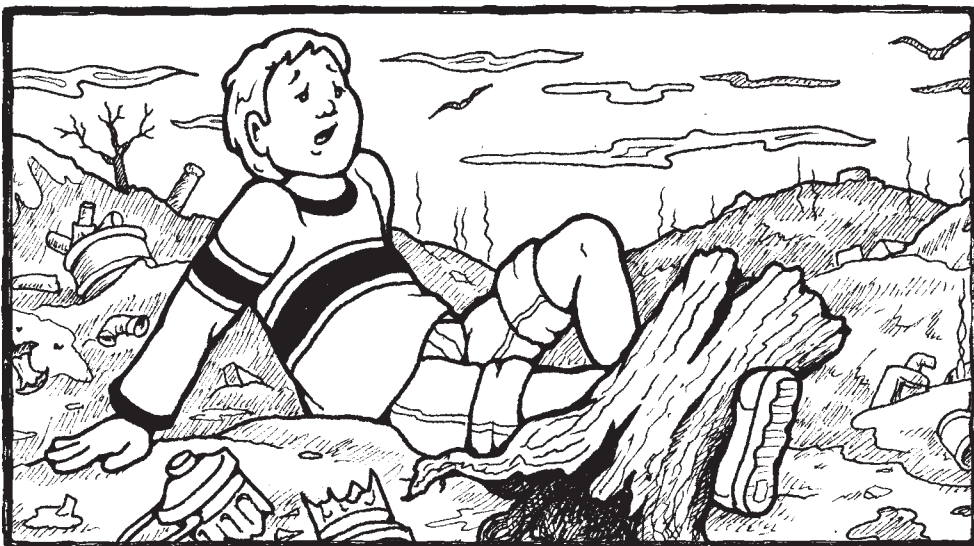


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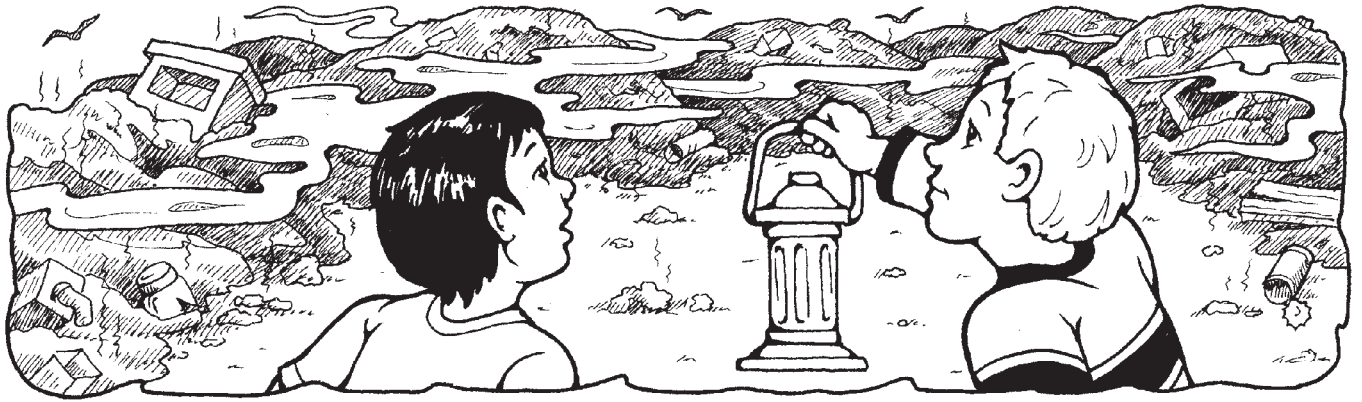


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ELEMENTS USED IN THIS BOOK	
New phonic elements	final blends: -ft, -ld, -lp, -lt, -mp
Reviewed phonic elements:	initial and final blends; short vowels; consonants
Story words	bike, wind
New high-frequency words	as, could, so
Special considerations	inflected endings -ed, -er -ing; possessive apostrophe; plural ending -s

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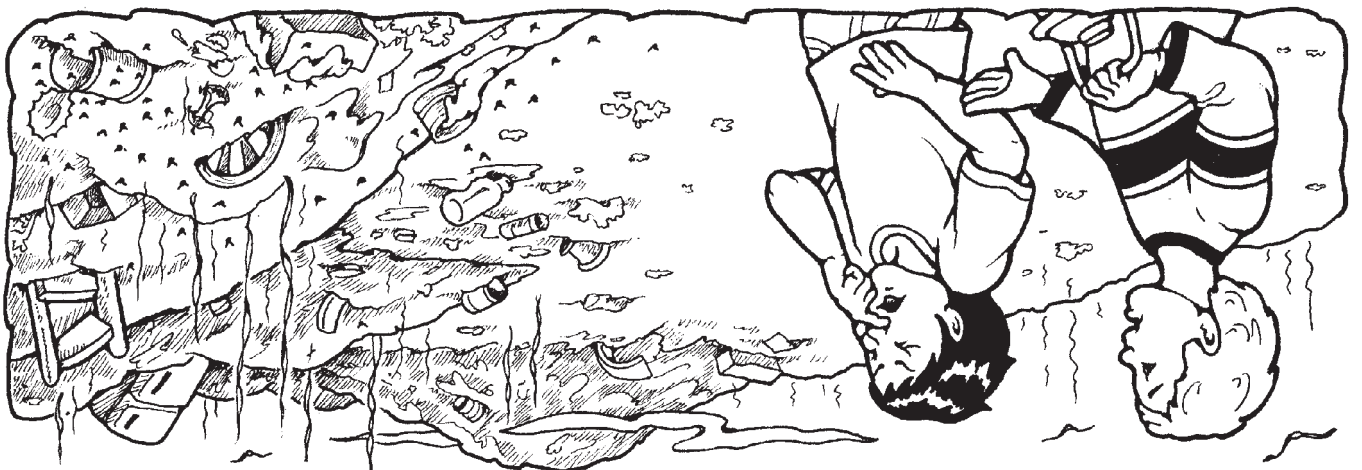


Brent and I were on a quest
for a ramp to make a bike jump.
We did not want it to cost a lot,
so we went to the dump out west.
There was a damp mist
over the dump.

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"We must not get lost," said Brent.
"I do not want this task to last,
not in this smell.
It would be best to have a gas mask!"





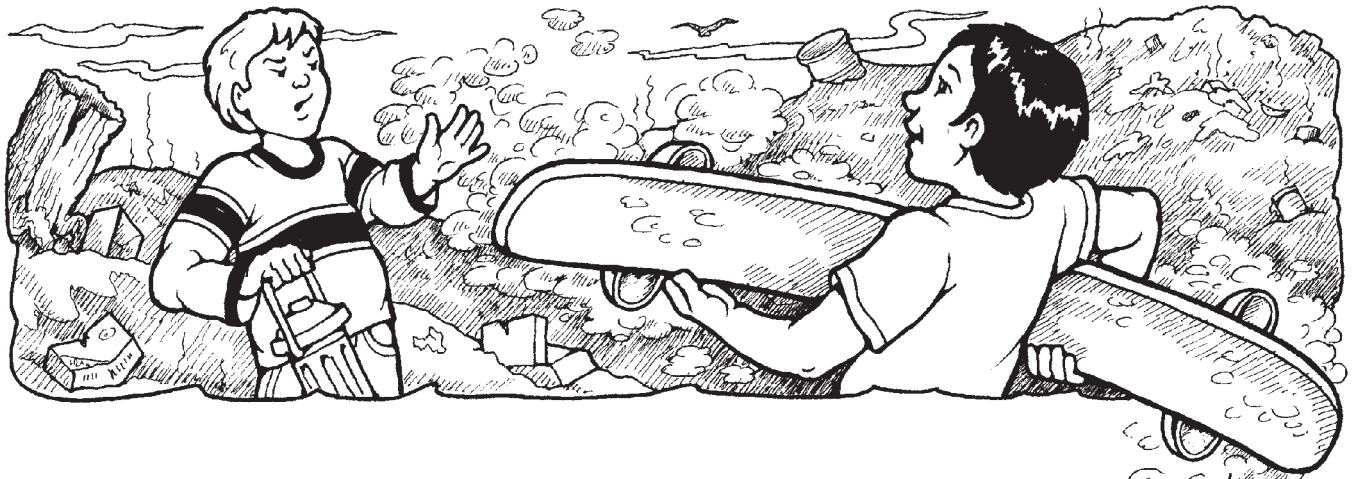
We tramped over the dump
and stomped past limp, lumpy
stuff, a busted pump, and
a lot of rusted cans.

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"See this mast?" I said.
"It would make a grand ramp."
"That mast is bent," said Brent.
"I bet it would bust fast."





"See this bus bumper?" I asked.

"No, it is just a hunk of junk,"
said Brent.

I said, "We must get a ramp fast.
The sun is setting and it will be dusk."

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Just then there was a gust of wind.
The blast dumped a big stump
onto Brent's leg.
"Help!" yelled Brent.
"The stump has trapped my leg!"
I lifted the stump and held it up
so Brent could get out.

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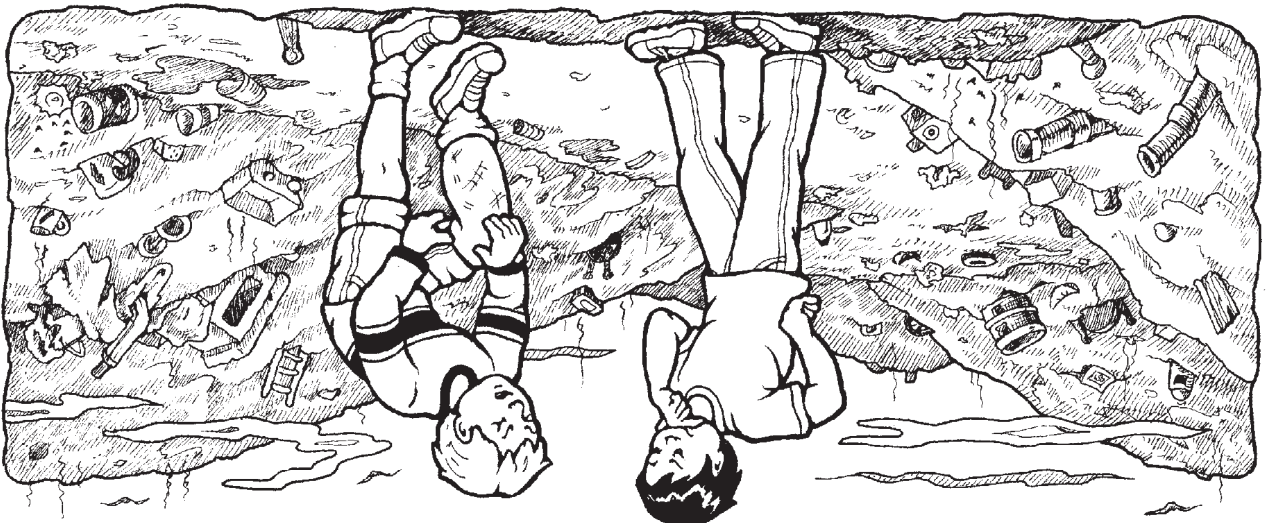


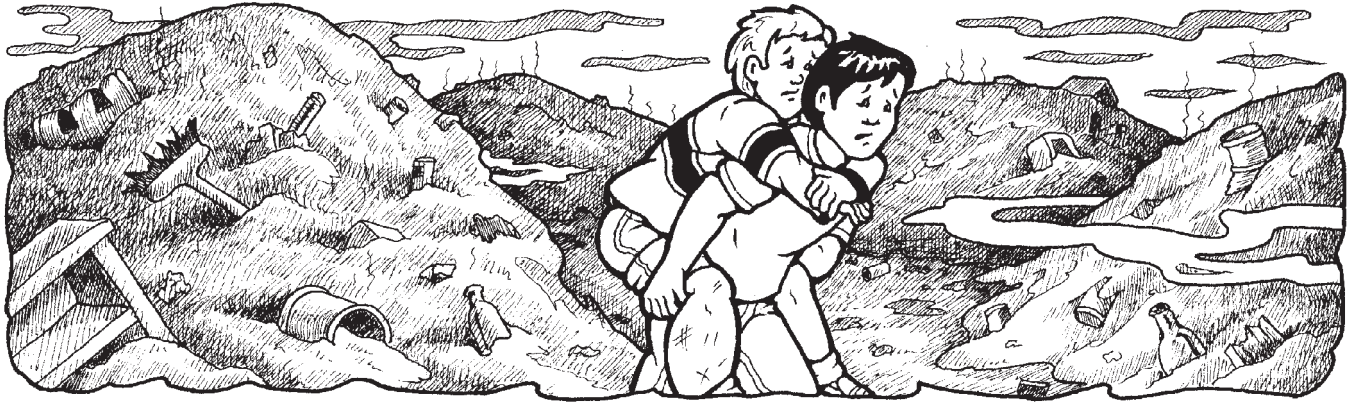
I felt Brent's leg.
 "You have to rest," I said.
 Your leg has a big welt and a lump."
 "No," said Brent.
 "We have to get home.
 I can limp on my left leg."

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"Can you step faster?" I asked.
 "I want to but I am as swift
 as I can be with a bad leg.
 I cannot trust my leg," he said.

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It was getting dark.
I had to lift Brent.
We could not go fast.
It was as if the damp dump
would not end.
At last, we were home.

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Brent did not bust his leg,
but he had to get a cast.
His dad got a brand new ramp
for him, but not for jumps.
He had to go in and out of his
home on it.

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